(b) if so, the details of the matter reported therein;

(c) Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to ensure that the sugar stocks are not depleted during the coming festival season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news-item mainly relates to the availability of sugar and regulation of sugar releases during the coming festival season.

(c) and (d) The releases would be regulated in a manner to ensure adequate availability of sugar during the festival months.

Stock of Foodgrains in Bihar

3281. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the position of both the buffer and operational stock of foodgrains in the godowns of the Food Corporation of India in Bihar; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to maintain the stock in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) As on 15.7.1994 the stocks of foodgrains in the Godowns of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) in Bihar was about 4.15 lakh tonnes (comprising 0.90 lakh tonnes of rice and 3.25 lakh tonnes of wheat). Present monthly allocation to the State of Bihar for PDS is 0.32 lakh tonnes of rice and 0.58 lakh tonnes of wheat. Food Corporation of India maintains adequate buffer stocks in their godowns in Bihar to maintain the PDS supplies in the State.

Amount spent on advertisements

3282. SHRI MOHAMMED *AFZAL alias* MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state the details of the total amount spent by his ministry on advertisements given to the Newspapers direct or through DAVP etc. during the period 1992-93 and 1993-94 language-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : The requisite information is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

The total amount spent by Ministry of Food on advertisements given to the Newspapers direct or through DAVP Etc. during the period 1992-93 and 1993-94 Language-wise.

SI. No	Language	Amount Spent (i in Rs.)			
		1992-93		1993-94	
		Direct	through DAVP	Direct**	through DAVP
1.	English	11276.00	362535.00	6817.00	359239.00
2.	Hindi	1677.00	102776.00	7998.00	143801.00
3.	Urdu	-	2402.00	338.00	10057.00
4.	Punjabi	-	3611.00	-	7416.00
5.	Assamese	-	622.00	-	3053.00
6.	Bengali	-	6251.00	-	23959.00
7.	Tamil	-	5698.00	-	16932.00
8.	Tclugu	-	3717.00	-	19407.00
9.	Malayalam	-	2465.00	-	4674.00
10.	Marathi	-	-	-	8844.00
11.	Gujrati	-	-	-	9533.00
12.	Sindhi	—	_	—	2310.00
13.	Oriya	—	—	—	15012.00
14.	Kannada	-	—	—	6257.00
	TOTAL:	12953.00	490077.00	15153.00	630494.00

**Rs. 399.00 (language-wise break-up not available)

लेवी चीनी और खुले बाजार में विक्रय हेतु चीनी की मात्रा

3283. श्री राम जेठमलानी : क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने अक्तूबर, 1993 से जुलाई, 1994 तक की अवधि के दौरान देश में चीनी की 35.05 लाख टन मात्रा लेवी के कोटे के लिए और 60.15 लाख टन चीनी खुले बाजार में विक्रय के कोटे के लिए आवंटित की थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त अवधि के दौरान प्रत्येक माह में आवंटित लेवी चीनी और खुले बाजार में विक्रय हेतु चीनी की अलग-अलग मात्रा क्या थी;